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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
BIOGRAPHIC REPORT
BERZINS

NAME BERZINS, Alfred

CASE NO.
DATE 13 December 1950

NATIONALITY Latvian

BIRTHDATE 21 October 1899
BIRTHPLACE Province of Vidzeme (Livonia)

PRESENT POSITION Chairman, Presiding
Committee, Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of
Nations (ABN) Peoples Council
LOCATION United States

RACE
SEX Male
MARITAL STATUS Married
NAME OF Spouse

GEN. OCCUPATION

CHILDREN

EDUCATION Military School

RELIGION

LANGUAGES Lettish, German, Russian

POLITICAL AFFILIATION

HONORS

ATTITUDE TOWARDS: U.S.

U.S.S.R.

CAREER:

1918-1921	Latvian Army.
1921-1925	Writer for agricultural magazines; Member, Latvian Peasant Party.
1925	Staff officer, Aizsargi (Home Guards).
1934	Elected to Parliament; Prominent in effecting the Ulmanis coup d'etat, 15 May.
1934- ?	Assistant Minister of Interior.
1937-1940	Minister of Public Relations - controlled the Aizsargi, Chamber of Labor and Labor Unions, and censorship of press, radio, and motion pictures.
1940	Fled to Sweden to avoid consequences of Russian invasion.
1940-1943	Interned at Sachsenhausen concentration camp after being arrested by Gestapo while travelling through Germany.
1943	Released and assigned job of clerk in the Industrial Accident Compensation Department.
1945 —-date	A DP, United States zone of Germany. Chairman, Presiding Committee, ABN (Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations) Peoples Council.
1950-date	Residing in United States.

REMARKS:

Former Latvian Minister of Public Relations, Alfred Berzins, is reportedly
the Chairman of the ABN, the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, which organization
includes representatives of underground movements of most of the countries now
under the Bolshevik regime, and is purposed for the destruction of all Bolshevik
oppression of nations.^{1/} He is the author of "I Saw Vishinsky Bolshevik Latvia"
printed in 1948 by the Latvian American Legation.^{2/}

Berzins has been described as being able and ambitious, very nationalistic,
and not over friendly. An eloquent public speaker, he is reputedly anti-German
and anti-Communist.^{3/}

No photograph is available in Graphics Register, OOD. Procurement action will
be initiated upon request.

SOURCES:

1/ State, D-129, Hamburg, 22 March 1950, Secret.
2/ State, D-130, Frankfurt, 16 September 1948, Secret.
3/ State, OEO, Riga, 31 March 1950, Confidential.

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